

REMARKS

Independent claim 1 is amended to include the limitations of dependent claim 5 and intervening claim 3. Independent claim 8 is amended to include the limitations of dependent claim 15. Independent claim 17 is amended to include similar limitations as were included in dependent claim 15. Since claims 5 and 15 were indicated as being directed to allowable subject matter, Applicants respectfully request that the rejections of pending claims be withdrawn.

The Director is authorized to charge any fee deficiency required by this paper or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 12-2252.

Respectfully submitted,

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